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# CIA Trains Local Police

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NEW YORK (TIPS)—During a recent investigation by Rep. Edward Koch (D-NY) the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) admitted training almost 50 police officers from different cities around the country even though the agency is barred from participating in law enforcement activities in the U.S.

Koch began his interrogation when he learned that 14 New York City policemen had received training by the CIA involving "the handling of information files, sometimes called dossiers, on individuals within the United States."

John Maury of the CIA told Rep. Koch that although there is no specific law authorizing CIA to undertake local police force training, the "CIA believes that the statute which created LEAA indicates an intent that all Federal agencies should assist in law enforcement and crime prevention efforts in America."

"The very fact that the CIA is carefully exempted from the usual required reports to the Congress . . . poses a great danger," charged Koch. "This is especially true if the CIA activities are conducted . . . in response to the agency's own unchecked interpretation of the national interest and of a statute dealing with another agency."

Maury also said that the training was provided on request by the local police departments, but asked that Rep. Koch keep the specific locations confidential.

"I see no valid reason for such a pledge, however," protested Koch.

August Thuermer, another CIA spokesman, said he was not able to determine how many police officials or departments had received training. "I doubt very much that they keep that kind of information," he added.

Maury also advised Rep. Koch that the police training dealt with the handling of explosives and foreign weapons, as well as audio visual control measure techniques involving the detection of wire taps and bugs. The CIA claims that the training in dossier handling did not involve an exchange of information.

Congressman Koch urged the Government Operations Committee to investigate the matter fully, saying, "Far too many files are being collected by law enforcement agencies on the citizens in this country and the involvement of the CIA will encourage that collection."

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